

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 – 17 are presented for reconsideration and further examination in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

By this Response and Amendment, claims 16 and 17 are newly added; and the rejections to claims 1 and 13 and to the claims dependent thereon have been traversed.

Support for the addition of claims 16 and 17 can be found on at least page 5, lines 8 – 13 and page 18, line 16 through page 23, line 14 of the originally filed specification and figure 3, which shows a stencil making block 34 and a printing block 36 that are simultaneously visible. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the above amendments do not introduce any new matter to this application within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §132.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejections since all of the features of the presently claimed invention are not disclosed, taught or suggested by the cited prior art combinations.

To establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness, the Examiner must establish that the prior art references teach or suggest all of the claim features. *Amgen, Inc. v. Chugai Pharm. Co.*, 18 USPQ2d 1016, 1023 (Fed. Cir. 1991); *In re Fine*, 5 USPQ2d 1596, 1598 (Fed. Cir. 1988); *In re Wilson*, 165 USPQ 494, 496 (CCPA 1970).

Regarding Claims 1 and 13 and New Claims 16 and 17

The Examiner has stated that the printing termination display 83 of the Kubota '703 publication corresponds to a work process of the presently claimed invention.

However, the printing termination display 83 of the Kubota '703 publication only shows the respective terminated printing drums 25 to which check marks are being applied as is clear from figures 5 and 6, and paragraph [0062]. Thus, the printing termination display 83 of the Kubota '703 publication merely shows that a work process of a particular page in which the particular printing drum is used has been finished.

In contrast to the presently claimed invention, the cited prior art combinations do not disclose, teach or suggest "a work process stop display unit corresponding to each work process, making a display as to whether the processing apparatus is to be stopped" as recited in claim 1 or "providing a display as to stopping the processing apparatus" as recited in claim 13. A work process stop display of the presently claimed invention shows at which work process all of the work processes to be processed will be finished, but does not show that predetermined work process has been finished.

Therefore, the printing termination display 83 of the Kubota '703 publication is different from a work process stop display of the presently claimed invention. Accordingly, Kubota does not disclose a work process stop display of the presently claimed invention.

The key 107 of the Kanno '001 publication discloses that a printer with a duplex printing capability, referred to as a stencil making process in the outstanding Office Action at page 4, is merely a continuous key, which has almost the same function as the continuation key 32 in the specification of the presently claimed invention (see page 16, lines 15 – 23 of the specification of the presently claimed invention).

In further contrast to the presently claimed invention, the cited prior art combinations do not disclose, teach or suggest "a work process progress display unit configured to display a progress status of each work process, wherein at least one work process is different from another work process" as

recited in claim 1 or “displaying a progress status of each of said distinct work process” as recited in claim 13.

In the outstanding Office Action at page 4, it is stated that the Kanno ‘001 publication teaches a display displaying a progress status of a stencil making process of a stencil making based on data received and a printing process of printing the data developed in the stencil making process (key 107; [0077]). However, this is not true. The Kanno ‘001 publication does not disclose, teach nor suggest such a display displaying a progress status of a stencil making process and a printing process.

The LCD 120 disclosed in the Kanno ‘001 publication merely displays alarms showing such as a sheet jam, an ink supply command etc. but does not display a progress status of a process. The message “Ready to print” disclosed in [0081] of the Kanno ‘001 publication merely displays a status of the printer, but does not display a progress status of a process.

Therefore, the Kanno ‘001 publication does not disclose, teach nor suggest such a display displaying a progress status of a stencil making process and a printing process.

In yet further contrast to the presently claimed invention, the cited prior art combination does not disclose, teach or suggest “a work process progress display unit configured to display a progress status of each work process,” as recited in claim 1 or “displaying a progress status of each of said distinct work process” as recited in claim 13. The cited prior art combination cannot achieve the effect of the presently claimed invention for facilitating visual grasping of a work process to be executed among a plurality of work processes, of a flow of the plurality of work processes, and of a progress status of the work process among all of the plurality of work processes, since the cited prior art combination does not disclose, teach or suggest a display unit configured to display a progress status of each work process, the work processes including both of a stencil making process and a printing process. Thus, for this yet

additional reason, the presently claimed invention is not rendered obvious by the cited prior art combination. Therefore, the presently claimed invention cannot be achieved by combining the Kanno '001 publication with the Kubota '703 publication.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejections.

In addition to the arguments above, Applicants assert that new claims 16 and 17 are patentable over the cited prior art combinations. New claim 16 recites "...a work process progress display unit configured to display a process status of each work process simultaneously, wherein at least one work process is different from another work process" and claim 17 recites "displaying a progress status of each of said distinct work processes simultaneously."

In contrast to the presently claimed invention, the cited prior art combination does not disclose, teach or suggest "a work process progress display unit configured to display a process status of each work process simultaneously, wherein at least one work process is different from another work process" as recited in amended independent claim 16 or "displaying a progress status of each of said distinct work processes simultaneously" as recited in amended independent claim 17.

The Kanno '001 publication discloses a printer that produces a stencil and that can display the status of a *printing* process; however, neither of the references, alone or in combination with each other, discloses, teaches or suggests a printer that *simultaneously* displays the *progress* of both a printing process and of a stencil making process. Thus, for at least the reason that the cited prior art combination does not disclose, teach or suggest "a work process progress display unit configured to display a process status of each work process simultaneously,

wherein at least one work process is different from another work process” as recited in amended independent claim 16 or “displaying a progress status of each of said distinct work processes simultaneously” as recited in amended independent claim 17, the presently claimed invention is not rendered obvious by the cited prior art combination.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes the application is not in condition for allowance, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney if it is believed that such contact will expedite the prosecution of the application.

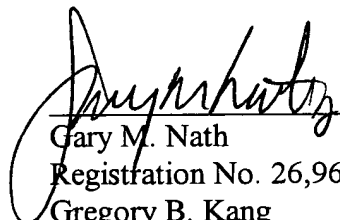
In the event this paper is not timely filed, Applicants petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

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